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STATE DRUG CZAR STEPS DOWN

RAMADAN APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEVADA PARTNERS

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At a news conference held at the West Las Vegas Library Tuesday, Governor Bob Miller announced that Nevada's drug czar, Mujahid Ramadan, will be leaving his position to oversee the newly established Nevada Partners job program.

The program commenced in early June, as a result of the racial unrest in April, in an attempt to help disadvantaged youths find jobs during the summer.

In July, billionaire Kirk Kerkorian, who is building the MGM Grand Hotel and Theme Park, donated \$1 million to the program, now allowing it to expand past its current summer status, as well as allowing it to expand to adults.

Miller expressed he has mixed emotions about Ramadan stepping down as drug czar, but added he is "ideally suited" for new appointment.

As far as his tenure as drug czar, Ramadan said he was pleased with his accomplishments. "We think that public awareness is higher now than it has been at any other time," he said.

Also named to the board of the non-profit,

Nevada Partners, Inc. were: Nedra Cooper Scott of the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, and David Griego, who serves on the Latin Chamber of Commerce board of directors and is Area Manager for Circle K stores.

One of the first priorities for Ramadan and Nevada Partners will be to develop a criteria for determining who will be considered "economically disadvantaged," and eligible for the program. Ramadan said he does not want this criteria to be too restrictive, for it could cause some to miss out on what the program has to offer.

Stating that Nevada Partners accomplished what it did this summer with no funding, Miller declined to give specifics on exactly how many youths received jobs this summer. Miller did add though, that details would be released at a news conference on Friday.

It has been reported that the program has helped anywhere from 150-200 youths out of close to 400 applicants, find jobs this summer. However, conflicting documentation from the Nevada Partners' office show that a more accurate figure is closer to 80 youths who found em-



Governor Bob Miller introduces newly appointed Nevada Partners Executive Director Mujahid Ramadan, as (L-R) MGM executive Kirk Kerkorian, David Griego, Nedra Cooper Scott, and Mayor Jan Jones look on.
Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

ployment during the summer. The documentation also showed that just over 300 jobs were made available by local businesses, prompting some to wonder why the remaining 100 or more available job openings were not filled, and why there is such a large gap between the reported figures.

In the future, the Nevada Partners program will tie their efforts in with those of the city's multijurisdictional task force.

Miller's next task will be to fill the position of state drug czar, though he could not say when that would happen.

DIRECTOR OF THE ACLU SPEAKS OUT

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT PROSECUTE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN CHARLES BUSH CASE

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"We used to have a country with a decent civil right division in the Department of Justice that cared about individual liberty and civil rights," expressed Chan Kendrick, Director Of The American Civil Liberties Union Nevada chapter.

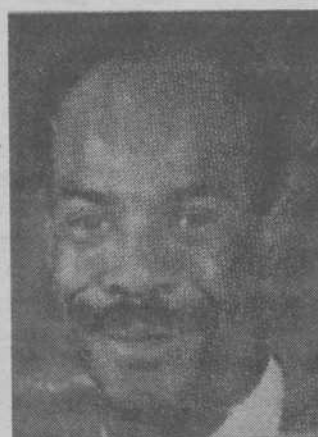
Kendrick's comments followed the U.S. Justice Department's decision to not prosecute Las Vegas police officers for civil rights violations in the death of casino floorman Charles Bush.

First Assistant U.S. Attorney Ray Rukster said the decision not to proceed with a federal civil

rights case was made after a thorough review of the evidence. Kendrick referred to the investigation as "A joke."

"After the Rodney King video was revealed the Attorney General stated that every complaint of a police brutality case would be thoroughly reviewed, said Kendrick.

"I have personally wrote a letter of request for a through investigation and have yet to be contacted." Kendrick also said that he has a "wealth of information" and facts that proves there is a need to prosecute Gerald Amerson, Thomas Chasey and Michael Campbell, the three L.V.
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CHARLES BUSH

AFRICAN-AMERICAN DELEGATES TO PLAY PROMINENT ROLE IN 1992 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Washington, D.C. - More than 80 African-American delegates are expected to participate at the Republican National Convention in Houston, TX from August 17-20. African-American delegates to the 1992 Republican National Convention will come from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and several other states.

Among those elected as delegates to the 1992 Republican National Convention will be J.C. Watts, representing the State of Okla-

homa. He was elected in 1990 to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, where he is currently serving as commissioner. Mr. Watts said, "I'm excited about going to the convention and experiencing the process. The work I've done at the state and local level will enhance my efforts as a delegate."

Melanie Mitchell Lackland, chief administrative officer for the State of Ohio Department of Transportation, is also a delegate. Ms.

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THURGOOD MARSHALL HONORED

Thurgood Marshall is the first recipient - and namesake - of an American Bar Association award honoring pioneers in law who have fought for personal liberty and civil rights.

The 84-year-old former Supreme Court Justice accepted the award last Saturday at the ABA's annual convention in San Francisco. "Changes came because everyday citizens put themselves on the line because they understood that no one - white, afro, or blue - gets anywhere unless somebody pushes open the door, even if only a crack, for those coming behind," he told an audience of about 300 people.

Over his 24-year career on the court, Marshall championed the rights of criminal suspects, fought the death penalty and took an expansive view of the right to privacy and freedom of speech. He was appointed to the court in 1967 by President Johnson after serving as a federal appeals court judge.

Before that he was legal director of the NAACP. In that post he argued the Brown vs. Board of Education case that resulted in the 1954 Supreme Court decision outlawing racial segregation in public schools.

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